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## THE OUTLOOK FOR CHRISTIANITY IN JAPAN COMPLETE RESUMPTION OF MISSION WORK MAY TAKE UP TO FIVE YEARS.

New York—(RNS)—The Japanese surrender is not expected to bring about any immediate change in the foreign mission situation in Japan. Complete resumption of mission activity may take up to five years, according to religious leaders here. The first step, they agreed, must be to ascertain how soon, and to what extent, Allied authorities and the Japanese government will permit missionary groups to resume programs interrupted by the war. . . .

The Committee on Cooperation in Japan, formed last year by representatives from Protestant denominations which carried on mission projects in Japan before the war, will meet during September to discuss problems of the Japanese mission and decide what steps should be taken to resume activities there. Discussions are expected to be largely of an exploratory nature.

"The general assumption," Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, "is that when mission work is resumed in Japan, it will be related closely to the work of the United Church there. This church was formed in 1941, and comprises all but one of the approximately 40 different church groups in Japan.

"Reports received by the Foreign

Missions Conference are that the church is still in existence. That means there is still a group of Japanese Christians with whom we expect to be able to renew contacts. How-

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## OUR FIRST TASK, MISSISSIPPI FOR CHRIST



Editor's note: We are glad to have permission from Mrs. D. A. McCall to publish her book, "Our First Task," in The Baptist Record. We plan to publish it in five installments and present below installment one. We hope that every reader of The Baptist Record will read each installment. These chapters are informing and inspiring. "Informed Baptists are better Baptists."

### Foreword

In presenting this information on State Missions, we have kept in mind that it is to be used in many ways, but primarily in Church Schools of Missions. Repeated calls for such a book have been received from W. M. U. people for observing State Missions weeks of prayer, and from pastors and other leaders in growing numbers. This, we believe, indicates that churches are stressing more and more the pattern of the Master Himself in the mission task, when He said preach the Good News, "... beginning at Jerusalem ... and in all Judea ... Samaria ... the uttermost part of the earth." To that end State Missions is taught along with the rest. The State Mission secretary has a strong conviction that the answer to a sustained and continuous success on foreign and homeland fields lies in a victorious State Mission work in individual states in the Southern Baptist Convention.

On many pages you will find "little gems" gathered from letters and

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## A Favorite Sermon

### "FALLING FROM GRACE" Rev. John Ira Hill, Union, Miss.

Heb. 6:4-6: "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted of the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put Him to an open shame."

The above scripture presents the case of one who falls short of faith in Christ after advancing to the very threshold of salvation, even "going along with" the Holy Spirit in His work of enlightenment and conviction.

It is not said that they had faith. They have seen and handled and have even tasted of what God has promised as a reward for faith, but they do not exercise the faith to go in and possess the reward as their very own.

These persons are like the spies of Kadesh-barnea (Deut. 1:19-26) who saw the land, and had the very fruits of it in their hands, and even tasted of it, and yet turned back.

The one thing they lacked was the "FAITH" to possess what their eyes had seen.

So it is with the man who falls



JOHN I. HILL

from (not out of) grace.

Gal. 5:4: "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from (not out of) grace."

The person who falls from grace is like the man, who when invited to ride IN an airplane, said, "I will ride if you will let me hang on under the plane, and then not get so high that my feet won't touch the ground."

Now in the first place a plane can't fly that close to the ground long,

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## KAMIKAZE PILOT CONVERT OF MISSION, PROVES RIGHT TO BE CALLED A CHRISTIAN

By Clarence W. Hall

Okinawa (Delayed)—(RNS)—Scarcer perhaps than the proverbial hen's teeth are evidences of Christianity among Japanese fighting men as sampled by American forces meeting them in battle. But there are a few, just enough to make you know that pre-war mission efforts in Japan have not been wasted. And also just enough to reassure us that there must be in Nippon a nucleus of whole-souled Christians around which missionary effort may start again.

When I reached this battle-ripped island shortly before it was "secured," I found men and officers shaking their heads over an incident that had occurred a few days before. The story concerned a Kamikaze pilot who was also a Christian—a brand of being many GIs had refused to believe existed among their enemy—and who risked his own life to prove it.

It happened during the heights of the final and most fanatical efforts by the Japanese to stem the advancing tide of defeat on this Ryukuan outpost. A whole flock of suicide planes had made their attacks. Many had been shot down, but a few had

got through and left their blazing devastation on ships, planes and island installations. The American forces were fighting fires, removing the wounded and repairing the damage wrought by the Kamikaze's "ill wind." The anti-aircraft guns had just ceased throwing their steely puffs of death into the sky, and the ground forces were sighing with relief.

Then, suddenly, the sirens sounded and the ack-ack began again. A lone enemy plane shot down through a cloud and headed for the island. It wove toward the air strip, plunging through the curtain of steel and apparently impervious to the swarm of fighter planes that were attempting to shoot it down.

But just as it seemed ready to plunge into the parked planes, it deliberately swerved out to sea, gracefully banked and made a "belly landing" on the water. American soldiers watched it in amazement. One officer gasped, "Well, I'll be —!! Why'd he do that? He could have smacked us sure!"

Within a few minutes the pilot dragged himself up on the beach and staggered toward the GIs with rifles at the ready, his hands lifted in the air. Among the first to approach the dripping and

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## Chaplain's Stand Respected By Navy



D. M. NELSON, JR.

Serving as pastor of a congregation with whom you live has been a heart-searching experience for many ministers who are serving as chaplains in the navy. The experiences of one outstanding Mississippi Baptist man prove that the preacher can live with his congregation and still hold to

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### KAMIKAZE PILOT CONVERT OF MISSION, PROVES RIGHT TO BE CALLED A CHRISTIAN

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bedraggled Japanese was Chaplain Roy N. Hillyer, senior chaplain of the Tenth Army. When the pilot saw the chaplain he pointed to crosses on the latter's uniform, and then jabbed an index finger at his own heart, grinning happily. An interpreter was called and it developed that the pilot was a Christian, convert of a mission in his home town of Nagoya.

For two years, the pilot said, he had been in a prison camp for refusing to fight America. Then one day he had been told that he must either go into the emperor's dwindling air force to be trained as a pilot or be killed as a traitor. He had taken the first course, thinking the war would be over before his training could be completed.

But it wasn't, and he was drilled in the technique of the Kamikaze. This was his first mission, and, true to his original vow not to "commit murder against my fellow Christians," he had found a way to lag behind the others and then jettison his plane, running the risk of either being shot down or of exploding his bomb when crash-landing on the water. He indicated a glad willingness to suffer whatever punishment might be ahead for him as a prisoner of war, but said that if he lived to see the end of the war he wanted to return to Japan to be trained as "a Christian missionary to my people."

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### THE OUTLOOK FOR CHRISTIANITY IN JAPAN

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ever, this, in turn, will depend upon the desires of the Japanese Christians themselves. Much will also depend on the attitude of the Allied occupation authorities and on the Japanese government, and may take five years.

Some misgiving has been felt in mission circles here that the atomic bombing of Japan may have discredited Christianity even among Japanese Christians. There is also the possibility that bitterness over Japan's forced submission may create resentment among Japanese authorities hitherto well disposed toward Christian missionaries. As a result, it is speculated in some church quarters, the Japanese church may decide to keep foreign missionaries out of Japan at least until the memories of Hiroshima and Nagasaki have become less sharp.

These views, however, are discounted by Dr. Fairfield, who pointed out that the atomic bombings differed mainly from the aerial bombings to which Japan has been subjected for a long period in that they were quantitatively more destructive.

Japanese Christians, who numbered in 1942, about 112,000 Catholics and 209,000 Protestants, have represented virtually the only inside opposition to the neo-Shinto indoctrination which has accompanied Japan's bid for world conquest. This group is expected to cooperate with the United Nations' attempt to build a new postwar international order.

On the other hand, as many as 42,249,229 out of Japan's 72,800,000 population are members of the Buddhist sect and, therefore, the immediate contribution of Japanese Christianity to transforming Japan from a warlike to a peace-loving nation must be small, though definite.

It will remain to be seen what repercussion defeat will have on Japan's Christian churches. Several months ago, it was reported that Christianity had become a much weaker force than in 1941. Membership in the churches has fallen off as much as two-thirds and church attendance has dropped 80 per cent from the prewar average. Factors, however, which worked against the churches were decrees forcing pastors to perform national labor service, seven-day week schedules which kept Japanese Christians from attending services, the conscription or sending overseas of

### CHAPLAINS STAND RESPECTED BY NAVY

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ideals of the highest type. Lt. (jg) Dotson M. Nelson, Jr., who is serving with great success as a chaplain in the navy, is greatly challenged by the opportunity facing the preacher who lives with his men. Friends of this gifted Mississippian rejoice at his success, and are happy over the fact that his staunch convictions on things that many people, and even some ministers, consider "all right" have been factors in adding to the respect the men have for the chaplain.

It has been shown that the men want their chaplains to be above reproach. "Even the meanest man in the crew wants his chaplain to be a good man according to the highest standards. While they 'find fault' and are quick to judge, if the chaplain is consistent they are for him," according to a letter from Chaplain Nelson.

While the attitude of some chaplains is that they must be a "regular fellow" with the men—meaning they "let the bars down a little"—take a glass of beer, say "damn," play penny ante poker or such things—the reactions of the men as a whole is that they want their preachers to be men of high caliber conduct, even if they themselves have low standards. The naval chaplains must be more careful, even than civilian ministers, according to Lt. Nelson. The fact that a man has convictions is not used against him in the navy. On the contrary, both officers and men are considerate of the chaplain who has scruples for and against things. One of Chaplain Nelson's experiences will illustrate the truth that the navy does not force men to do things about which they have conscientious objection:

"We came back to a rear area port where liberty parties were the order of the day. I felt I would have to face the 'beer problem,' so I wrote a memo to the executive officer, saying in part, 'Because of certain definite convictions which I have, and which my church has, I respectfully request that I be assigned to no activity which has to do with the procuring, dispensing or consumption of alcoholic beverages, including beer.' I was immediately informed by the executive officer that he respected my convictions and that I would never be even requested to do anything to compromise them. The men know how I feel about it. They haven't stopped drinking beer, but the consumption of ice cream and Coca-Cola increased."

Baptist people in Mississippi appreciate the fact that such consideration is given our chaplains on the part of the government.

Another instance in which another angle came up was recounted also. In part, we quote from a letter from Lt. Nelson: "Due to certain circumstances I had the leadership in our War Bond Drive. During the drive I was called into the commanding officer's office and informed that he

clergymen for "special service" and efforts by the government to use the church as a tool for nationalistic propaganda.

Foreign Protestant missionaries in Japan at present number 22 Canadians, Americans and British, as compared with 2,000 in the peak period of 1934. Foreign Catholic priests numbered about 200 in 1942, but most of these have been interned and only German and Italian missionaries have been permitted to carry on their work.

### A FAVORITE SERMON

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and in the second place, if it could, you would soon be dragged off, or you would fall from (not out of) the plane.

Now if you would ride IN a plane you will have to take your feet off the ground and get IN the plane, or trust the plane.

It is even so with salvation. To be saved, one must believe IN or trust Christ.

And to believe IN Christ means that one will have to take his feet off the law and depend altogether on the death of Christ as a sufficient price paid in full for his sin.

Thus a man is believing IN Christ, and has become a new creature.

II Cor. 5:17: "Therefore if any man be IN Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Such a person, having become new, will bear fruit.

The old tree into which the new life of Christ has not been grafted, of course, will not bear fruit, and sooner or later after plenty time has been given to "dig about it and dung it" (Luke 13:8) "it will be cut down and cast into the fire."

Such a soul has never known what it means to believe IN or TRUST Christ, and never will know once he has been cut down.

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted of the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

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Kate Ellen Gruver writes from Jerusalem: "Mr. Hagood goes to Nazareth for service each Sunday and Mr. Callo-way conducts the Sunday service here. Our mid-week service is directed by Mr. Hagood. We are quite happy about the response of our people to the reopened services. Most of the church members have come back and attend

wished to sell bonds by means of 'punch boards.' I asked to be relieved of any responsibility connected with them. He asked why and was told I considered them a form of gambling. He stated that as commanding officer he had decided they were not gambling. I insisted that as a minister I had decided they were. I was relieved of the responsibility, and was told that I was right in sticking to my convictions." It is interesting to know that the sequel to that story is that the punch boards were removed by another officer later. The men wouldn't patronize them. One enlisted man's comment was revealing: "Well, I ain't got any religion, but if the chaplain has nerve enough to stand up for his convictions, I'll back him up. No punch boards for me."

Lt. Nelson declares he has never been forced to do anything to compromise any principle. He preaches the gospel as he understands it, and the men are responding. He preaches four or five times each Sunday, and each first Sunday he baptizes in the ocean. People are being converted.

"This is the greatest opportunity I've had. Pray for me that I may measure up. Write me all the news," is the conclusion of this most interesting letter.



Miss Helen Eubanks of Sallis began her work as educational director of the First Baptist Church of Kosciusko on September 1. She has been a member of the Sardis school faculty for the past few years. She is a graduate of Blue Mountain College and her consecrated life has been a great influence in any community where she has lived.

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### Dr. Newport Leads Vicksburg Revival

12 Additions—7 Dedications

By D. Swan Haworth, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Vicksburg

The First Baptist Church in Vicksburg has recently completed a series of revival services with unusually fine results from many points of view. The preacher this year was Dr. John Newport, pastor of the Clinton Baptist Church, song leader, Benny Loyd, associate pastor of the Clinton church. There were also three young ladies, students at Mississippi College, who participated in the series of services—Miss Jean Furr, who had charge of devotionals, Miss Dorothy Peeler, in charge of conferences, and Miss Helen Armstrong, pianist.

The revival was supported by the young people of the church, although it made its definite appeal to people of all ages. Early morning services were held and breakfast was served immediately after the service.

One of the most fruitful parts of the revival was a series of supper meetings which included deacons one night, Woman's Missionary Society another night, Juniors, Intermediates, Sunday school leaders, etc., on successive nights. Following a brief supper period names for visitation were given out and individuals were contacted between that time and the time of the evening service.

The attendance at the series of revival services was excellent. There were 12 additions during the week, six by baptism. There were seven young people of the church who came forward dedicating their lives to full-time Christian service.

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The following associations meet next week: Madison at Canton First, Sept. 25; Rankin at County Line Sept. 26; Oktibbeha at Maben Sept. 27; Sunflower at Bethany Sept. 27.

regularly and we are doing our best to lay the foundation for a real church here."



# Mississippi Baptists--Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails," 1. Cor. 13:8b

"When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them," Matthew 9:35-36.

Jesus said: "A new commandment I give unto you. That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall ALL men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:34-35.

**TWO CORRECTIONS:** First, we regret that the name of Clarke Memorial was run in the list of non-cooperating churches. It is not a church, and it cooperates, so the error was on two counts. It should not have occurred.

Second, First Baptist Church, McComb, is tenth in the list of Co-operative Program churches, having sent in the goodly sum of \$4,980.74 for the first six months of this year. It was omitted by the typist in copying. We wish we were as infallible as the Pope claims to be.

## I

Tuesday morning after a splendid building committee and executive committee meeting, we were off for our first association of the year. We found an interested group in Grenada Association, with Dr. Glen E. Wiley, moderator, presiding. We missed the morning session but heard splendid echoes of the sermon by Brother McGee. By strange coincidence we arrived in time for dinner on the ground. The afternoon session was a good one, and we were happy to present some phases of our work.

The next day we moved over into Alcorn Association and heard part of a fine sermon by Pastor Jim Smith. The association was largely attended and reports were heard with evident interest.

Thursday the Marshall County Association met at Slayden church. Rev H. H. Aultman was elected moderator and Brother Huffstatler as clerk. Pastor Aultman also brought a splendid sermon. For the first time we heard Brother Pierce and Brother Street make their presentations. They were good.

Pastor W. C. Howard, Water Valley, brought a very fine sermon to the Yalobusha Association. Brother Childress as moderator saw that various phases of the work were well presented. Chaplain Saucier was heard with interest also.

Impressions from these associations are that the people are manifestly interested in the work of the Lord Jesus. The majority are not interested and know little about an occasional controversy that comes along to rock the Baptist Zion. Unity and harmony characterized the meetings. The people want to hear about His work.

## II

As a pastor for twenty years we never saw a spiritual soul winning church that was torn up by strife and always in a "stew." We have seen strife bind and tie down a church as we have never seen strong drink do! (Even as bad as strong drink is!) By this same token when the denomination is torn up by strife it is not bowed down in soul winning. We have never yet seen Baptists so wrought up over winning lost people to Christ as we have seen them wrought up over what somebody wants, and when no principle is involved. Our Lord Jesus must look on sadly today as at times in the flesh on the earth as He saw people "eaten up" over things.

## III

One of the most refreshing speakers it was our privilege to hear at the Winona Lake Bible Conference was none other than one of our own Southern Baptist ministers in the person of Dr. Vance Havner. He gave the best emphasis to sins of the spirit we have heard. He called attention to the fact that sins of the flesh and sins of the spirit are closely related, and yet are listed separately in the Word of God. We do not pretend to interpret his sermon for you, but we went to the Bible to do a little personal studying along this line. Some Baptists and some non-Baptists will tell you boldly that it is all right to drink liquor. They will further try to support their stand with one or two passages of scripture. We have heard some Baptists and some non-Baptists support church and denominational debate, controversy and spitefulness by quoting a little scripture or saying that polemics is a very fine spiritual art. The dictionary defines the word **polemic** as "a polemic argument or controversy. One who controverts an opinion, doctrine or system; an aggressive controversialist; disputant." Frankly, we are not interested in what the ecclesiastic, the layman or the dictionary might have to say, provided the Word of God speaks on the subject. Our Bible has much to say along this line. The first chapter of Romans presents sinful humanity at its worst. In a list of the most degrading sins we find the Word of God speaking out on the following sins of the spirit: "maliciousness, full of envy, debate, deceit, malignity, whisperers, backbiters, spiteful, proud, boasters," and such like. The Word of God further says "that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

Dr. Havner referred to the list of sins as found in Galatians 5th chapter. Here, sins of the spirit are listed as works of the flesh. You will note that we are not speaking of the fruit of the Spirit (proper name). Some of these sins of the spirit listed in Galatians 5 are: "hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, envyings," etc.

Others may disagree, and we certainly grant them that privilege, but we feel very keenly that the spirit of strife, division, debate and such like in church and denominational life has hindered and hampered the progress of the Kingdom of God, the winning of souls and the development of Christian life much more than has strong drink. At the same time we certainly have no good word for strong drink! It is paralyzing and death dealing. The Bible says these other things are the same.

We realize it is easy to be misunderstood at this point. Our record will speak for itself, however. In every church pastorate we held, first, we did not try to run the church; second, the deacons were not allowed to run the church, but matters were presented to the congregation for their decision under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. We believe in plenty of free public discussion as needed. Until God Almighty takes it out of our Bible, we are

going to be against debate, strife, backbiting and other listed Bible sins. Baptists have made themselves ridiculous again and again at this point. Baptists have at times in some measure lost their Christian testimony at this point. Five years ago one of our pastors brought a lost man in to the Convention, hoping he would hear the name of Christ magnified and thereby be helped. This pastor came to us almost in tears after the Convention session because a disputation was in progress at the time. If our hearts are afire with love for the lost, we will have less disputation and more soul winning!

## IV

Have we allowed anything to crowd out the Centennial Crusade efforts in evangelism, stewardship and the other phases? Are you working at it in your local church? Is our denomination vitally concerned with the issues involved? This Centennial Crusade year will soon be over never to return. What of our stewardship regarding it?

## V

The architect and building committee for the Baptist building have worked hard in giving all the departments ample space and making the best possible provision for every phase of the work in our new building. We seemed to have just about a perfect picture except for the needs of two departments. We called a meeting of the Baptist building committee to see if ample space might be worked out for these two departments. It seemed the entire plan might have to be reworked and, frankly, some of us were concerned about that as it would have meant smaller quarters for practically everybody and spoiling a somewhat perfect picture. We have never seen the spirit finer or more evident leadership of the Holy Spirit. By moving one wall and by moving the kitchenette and mimeograph room to the basement, ample space was provided. Committee have served four, five or six years together in the spirit of the committee with the "dictator spirit" or determined to have something his own way, there were times when the evident will of the Lord would not have been done. Committee members approached their considerations from many angles and every vote was unanimous. Again, we say you cannot beat a people possessed of that spirit! If the Convention Board and the Executive Committee have four, five or six years together along in the spirit of harmony as they have done, only some selfish head and heart will bring division. If the Baptist building committee can steer at even keel through difficult problems, we believe anybody really desiring to do the will of the Lord may do the same thing. God Almighty prospers His people as long as we seek His will. When brethren start out along divergent paths doing their own will, disaster inevitably results. "Holy Rollers" and others move in.

## VI

### MY IDEAL CHURCH MEMBER

He knows why he is a church member, and he knows why he is a member of the particular church to which he belongs. People who are equally at home in all churches and can belong to one just as well as another usually are of little value in any.

He tries, first of all, to be loyal to Jesus Christ, and then to be loyal to the church that he believes most nearly follows the teachings of Christ. He will not put comfort or conveniences before conviction.

While being true to his church, he will not assume an "I-am-hollower-than-thou" air and belittle other people who are equally as sincere in their religious convictions. He will cooperate with all good people in every good movement, providing he can do so without violence to his own convictions, or injuring the work of his own church. He reads his Bible to keep in touch with God, his church paper to keep in touch with his denomination, and the missionary journal to keep in touch with the kingdom needs around the world.

He is regular in his attendance upon the services of the Lord's house; is always on time at Sunday school and never misses the mid-week service unless providentially hindered.

He is always ready to bear his share of the burden cheerfully, and counts it a privilege to work and sacrifice for the church and the Saviour he loves. While he doesn't make much noise about it, he is always doing things for somebody else, and bears many in the arms of his petitions to a throne of grace.

He is loyal to his pastor, prays for his success, is jealous of his reputation, has regard for his feelings and is both eyes and ears for his benefit.

Finally, he tries himself to be the kind of church member he would have every one else to be.—J. E. Dillard.

## VII

We were greatly impressed and humbled by this prayer found in the Arkansas Baptist:

### PRAYER FOR HUMILITY

God, it might have happened to us.

We might have been the vanquished.

It could have been the goose-stepping Nazis would be our masters and Shinto-worshippers our religious prophets.

Yes, God, it has occurred to us with awesome suddenness that it could have happened to us.

If the Germans had invaded Britain after Dunkirk, or the Japanese had steamed into Pearl Harbor that infamous December 7, or if Hitler had first come upon the secret of the deadly atomic bomb—if any of these things had happened, Father, we in proud America would have been thrown into slavery.

We thank Thee, God, for Thy watchcare. Indeed Thou hast blessed America. Help us to understand, dear Father, that America's might is not in her material resources or in the oft-repeated axiom that we have never lost a war. Help us to know that victory has come because God was with us.

And dear Father, we pray that America may be humbled before Thee.

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### WORTHY AND CHALLENGING GOALS FOR MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

1. Every Mississippi Baptist Church contributing through the Cooperative Program.
2. A summer assembly.
3. A full-time worker with the Negroes.
4. A Sunday school, a Training Union, a Woman's Missionary Union and a Brotherhood in every church.
5. A full-time Indian worker.
6. A Baptist Building in Jackson.
7. More associational missions.
8. Enlarged soldier work.
9. The Baptist Record in every home.

### CHRISTIANS SHOULD PROTEST

According to the article, "Wets Coin-Cure for Radio Drys," in the August issue of Variety, the trade paper for screen, radio, music and stage, a new drive by liquor interests is to put hard liquor advertisements on the big radio networks.

They expect to begin by having distilling interests sponsor a program and at first do not plan to advertise brands nor urge people to buy, but instead, to sponsor a program geared to patriotic, public welfare, or moral themes. This approach will be along the line of war-time ads inserted in newspapers by Seagram, Schenley, etc., without mention of the company's product, but geared to welfare messages and moral themes.

Such an unholy scheme should meet with vigorous protest on the part of Christian people. As it is now, we can hardly turn on the radio without being disgusted with a recital of the superlative qualities of some brand of beer.

We hope that many of our

readers will immediately write a protest to the broadcasting companies against any letting down of their ban against hard liquor advertising. The letters of protest could well include objections to present wine and beer programs.

For the information of our readers we give the addresses of the broadcasting companies:

National Broadcasting Company; president, Mr. Niles Trammell, RCA Building, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N. Y.

American Broadcasting Company; president, Mr. Mark Woods, RCA Building, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N. Y.

Columbia Broadcasting System; president, Mr. William S. Paley, 485 Madison Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

Mutual Broadcasting Company; president, Mr. Edgar Kobak, 1440 Broadway, New York 18, N. Y.

### A WORD FOR THE JAPANESE

No people could have been more cruel than have been our enemies, the Japanese, and we would not condone their trickery, their utter disregard for life and their methods of torture.

Throughout the conflict and for centuries past these people have been reared to worship their emperor. To them he is divine and can do no wrong. To him belongs absolute submission and obedience. Not only do they believe this with their heads, but they believe it so strongly that we find them living this obedience in their every act.

Christian people have named Jesus as their Lord and their God. He is our Emperor. His desire for us is that we shall so surrender our lives to Him that we will live in obedience to His commands. What if Christians round the world or even in our own state would match the Japanese (whom we call heathen) in our obedience to the commands which He has given us in His Word? We could soon bring the world into a knowledge of Him.

The Japanese think nothing of dying for their emperor, but Christ wants us to live for Him. Let us who have named Christ as Lord, make Him Lord indeed.

### JUST AS WE EXPECTED

Recently the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention asked permission of the ODT to hold the 1945 session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta November 6-8. We were not surprised to learn that the application had been denied. Church affairs seem to get it in the neck these days.

When Germany gave up there

was a rush to cancel the curfew closing regulations. Horse racing was restored to its former place of favor. The distillers were given the green light.

More transportation and more foodstuff will be used by the whiskey makers in one day than a week's session of the Southern Baptist Convention would require.

The race tracks of our country will use more transportation in one day than the Southern Baptist Convention would use in its yearly meeting.

A few weeks ago the modest request of The Baptist Record for a small increase in its paper quota was denied. One week's paper supply of the distillers would take care of The Baptist Record request for a year.

The paper used at all the race tracks in one day would take care of The Baptist Record for a long time. And the race tracks operate six days a week.

The following letter from Dr. Louie D. Newton is self-explanatory:

On August 15, the day after World War II ended, acting under the instructions of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, I filed the request of the Southern Baptist Convention to hold a deferred session of the 1945 convention in Atlanta, November 6-8, signing the names of our committee, Drs. J. Howard Williams, Walter Gilmore Louie D. Newton, to the appeal. Senator Walter F. George sent a telegram to Colonel Johnson, head of ODT, requesting favorable consideration of our appeal.

With the request, made out on the official forms, I also filed a covering letter, explaining why such request was made, and why we had waited until the war had ended. The letter and application were acknowledged by ODT on August 18, adding: "As soon as it has been reviewed by the committee, you will be notified of its decision."

On September 7, I received the following letter:

"Your application to hold an annual convention at Atlanta, Georgia, November 6-8, has been reviewed.

"It is the consensus of the committee that this convention should be deferred until the present restrictions have been further relaxed or removed. Therefore, your application is disapproved.

"Very truly yours,

"FRANK PERRIN,

"Secretary."

A nice list of new and renewal subscriptions has been received from North Columbia church. Rev. Clifton Earl Cooper is pastor and the list was sent in by B. F. Speights, clerk. Such friends as these have helped The Baptist Record to its present circulation of more than 51,000.

## Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

### CATHOLIC ACTION

Chaplain General, "Monseigneur" William R. Arnold, has been given another broadside for favoritism shown Roman Catholics in the Chaplaincy. H. W. Van Delinder, senior chaplain of the Cadet Basic School in San Mateo, Cal. (a Protestant) has resigned because of the unfair advantages given Catholics in promotions, when two to receive promotion to rank of Lieut. Commander in the Marine Corps were chosen from among the Catholics, evidently without regard to the rating of Protestants. In a statement prepared by him and published in *The Converted Catholic Magazine* of September, 1944, he exposes the whole matter and points out other things which are wholly unjust to men in the service. Some of these are:

More than half of the chaplains appointed to the Marine Corps were Roman Catholics, (although only about one-fourth of the cadets were Catholics) during the previous nine months the ration being four Catholics to two Protestants. "All three Cadet Corps schools had Roman Catholics for senior chaplains," he says. "The only two chaplains to gain the rank of Lieutenant Commander were Roman Catholics, and it was only because my colleague antagonized the commanding officer that he was transferred and I became senior chaplain at San Mateo from July 1943 to May 1944.

"A Roman Catholic was the only chaplain at the Cadet School in Pass Christian, Miss., for the six months preceding May 1944. It was demanded that all Protestants visit him, and Mass was held each day. When I became the only chaplain at San Mateo on April 15, 1944, the order was immediately given that Roman Catholics were not to see me, and because of protests the Commanding Officer, to avoid trouble, stated he was going to discontinue the Protestant devotional service held each morning. This latter he did not do after I reminded him that Roman Catholic services were held daily on bases where there were no Protestant Chaplain. Eighty per cent of the Protestant cadet midshipmen attended these daily services at least once each week."

The resignation of Chaplain Delinder is given in full in *The Converted Catholic*. Any citizen interested in knowing of the unAmerican manner in which the Chaplaincy is now being directed under the Roman Catholic Chief, let him get a copy of the *Converted Catholic* and read for himself. Let no one beguile you into believing that this magazine is not reputable and entirely creditable. It is published and edited by former Catholic priests who know the terrible nature of the Roman hierarchy and understand fully its persistent plans to dominate our national life. The address of the publishers is 229 W. 48th St., New York 19, N. Y. Single copy 15 cents.—Western Recorder.

Miss Callie Mae Bailey recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Springdale church, Atlanta county.



## Sparks & Splinters

MARYKNOLL, the magazine published by the Maryknoll Society (Catholic) announce that a group of their missionaries will staff a government-owned hospital in Bolivia.

Rev. R. A. Eddleman of Clinton has accepted the pastorate of the Valley Grove church, Deer Creek Association.

Pickens: We are proud to say that thirty-six families are now receiving the Baptist state paper, The Baptist Record. The church roll book has been completely revised and sanctioned by the Board of Deacons. As the church roll now stands, we have one hundred one active members and thirty-four inactive members. During the past year we have had sixteen additions to our church—eleven by baptism and five by letter or statement. We had three additions Sept. 9. We have sent through the State Convention Board office at Jackson during the past six months a total of \$1,640.51. The contribution of Durant was \$1,715.10—Thomas G. Ashby, pastor.

A new Girls' Auxiliary has been organized at Derby church, Pearl River county. They have chosen the name Thibodeaux Girls' Auxiliary and the following officers have been elected: President, Elmer Ruth Smith; vice-president, Ella Rae Jones; secretary and treasurer, Ruby Lee Smith; membership committee, Anona Harvey and Edna Earl Penton; program committee, Sylvia Dell Smith, Nell Jones and Sydna Lyn Moore; adult leader, Miss Mildred Stewart.

The seventy-third annual session of Blue Mountain College opened Sept. 13. President W. M. Keathley of Delta State Teachers' College made the address. Students are enrolled from most of the counties of Mississippi, sixteen states, and some foreign countries.

The last week in August 43 Intermediates and 10 leaders spent the whole week at Camp Mondamin just out from Pinola, Mississippi. The camp, which is owned by the Vicksburg Y. M. C. A. was rented by First church Vicksburg for the period of time desired. A splendid program was worked out for all those attending which included an early morning devotion led by the pastor, classes in the mid-morning taught by the pastor and Miss Rena Mitchell, superintendent of the Intermediate department; missionary messages brought twice daily by Dr. W. D. Moore, Southern Baptist missionary to Italy, and sound moving pictures on the life of Paul. A large number of young people dedicated themselves to full-time Christian service the closing day of the camp. Plans are already under way for both Junior and Intermediate camps next year.—D. Swan Haworth, pastor.

His Mississippi friends will be interested to know that Rev. Johnnie B. Laney has resigned the pastorate of the South church, Royce, Texas, and accepted the First church, Morse, Tex.

The church at Bristow, Okla., celebrated Pastor P. D. Bragg's third anniversary with a home-coming celebration and presented the pastor with a nice set of Haviland china.

Southern Baptist foreign tasks are: Vastly enlarged horizon and conviction of obligation in world evangelization; plan for spiritual leadership in new era in human history and Christian religion; large scale, intelligent relief of human distress; faith and courage for program doubling missionary undertaking in five years, and doubling again in next five; promote autonomous organization on all fields.

W. O. CARVER,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

## DR. ADAMS, PROFESSOR AT LOUISVILLE SEMINARY, DIES SUDDENLY

The following telegram was received Tuesday morning:

Dr. J. McKee Adams, 58, Louisville, Ky., for 24 years professor at Southern Baptist Seminary, died suddenly in his office at the Seminary, Monday afternoon. World famous lecturer, author, had taught afternoon classes and was holding private conference when suffered heart attack. Funeral services September 19 at Highland Baptist Church, Louisville.

EDWARD A. McDOWELL.  
—BR—

## CHURCH TO CELEBRATE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

New Prospect church, Monroe county, located seven miles east of Aberdeen, will celebrate its one hundredth anniversary with a home-coming on September 30, according to J. F. Hartley, pastor. All former members, former pastors, non-resident members and friends are invited to attend.

There will be an all-day program of worship. At 11:00 o'clock Rev. J. R. Reedy of Eupora will bring the message. Lunch will be served at noon. Clarence L. Stoddard is the church clerk.

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## FOUR ASSOCIATION-WIDE SCHOOLS PLANNED FOR THIS FALL

Already plans have been made for four association-wide schools of music for this fall. These will be announced in a later issue of the Record. In these schools will be taught music appreciation, elementary conducting, methods and plans for a choir organization and plans for rehearsals. All schools will be able to get credit for the book "Let Us Sing" in Training Union or Sunday school. We will also have demonstrations on accompanying, introductions, preludes, interludes, and postludes. To any person interested in church music we offer an interesting course of study. Above all we plan for each school to be evangelistic. This department feels that all that we do should ultimately lead to the winning of the lost to Christ.—Department of Church Music, Luther A. Harrison, director.

—BR—

Rev. Carey Sansing has been called as pastor at Mantee. He succeeds Elroy Boland, who resigned in order to study at Southwestern Seminary.

According to Deacon E. L. Martin, Pastor N. A. Edmonds has informed the church at Shubuta that he intends to retire December 31. Deacon Martin is chairman of the pulpit committee.

Evangelist W. A. Greene was the preacher in the annual revival at Providence church, Franklin county. There were 17 by baptism and many rededications. The church voted to add Sunday school rooms and to brick veneer the entire building.

A fine series of revival services were recently held at the Wayside (Antioch) Baptist Church of Warren county. This church is located about 14 miles south of Vicksburg and is one of our fine rural churches. The preacher during this week was Dr. Selsus Tull. The people of the congregation profited greatly by his messages. Services were held twice daily. There were 10 additions during the week—seven by baptism. I would like to highly recommend Dr. Tull to any of our brethren in the state. He is now living in Jackson (Leavell Woods Rd.), and will be available for any supply work and for revival meetings.—D. Swan Haworth, pastor.

## MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

(Continued from Page Three)

We pray that our cock-sureness may be replaced with spiritual depth, that all America will realize that in Thee is our trust and that without Thee we are most helpless.

Great problems do confront our nation, O God. It is we, as victors, who now must determine the course of the world. Help us to act in Thy wisdom. Help us to have the courage of Christian convictions. Help us always to put first the Kingdom of God and the righteousness with which Thou wouldst clothe Thy people.



VIII

We are happy to present below the picture of the first baptizing at Fairbanks, Alaska. Brother Dunkin, the pastor, has his back to the audience. Brother Jordan, the young Eskimo who decided to enter the ministry during our visit, is facing Brother Dunkin. Doxology! Matthew 28:19-20.

## W.M.U. Is Auxiliary To S.B.C.

Dr. W. O. Carver, Kentucky

Surely it was an inspiration of the Holy Spirit, when Southern Baptist women organized in 1888, that their organization was designated "Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention." Considering the ideals and conventions of that day there was a holy courage in their organizing for the support of the missionary work of the boards of the Southern Baptist Convention. They had long been doing much in the way of supporting this work. A new day was upon the world, calling for expansion and an increased efficiency in all sources for promoting the undertakings of the Convention. Only by freedom to think and devise means for their own deepening and expanding desire to promote the interests of the Master's Kingdom could the women make progress toward realizing the enlarging vision of their leaders.

On the other hand there were innate modesty and reverent conservatism to restrain the women from any element of self-assertion and from anything that might even seem to be setting up an independent and rival organization. "Auxiliary" expressed exactly their emotional and intelligent convictions and desires. That concept has guided the women for more than half a century. It still exactly expressed the inner heart and the consistent purpose of the women in the relation to the total denominational consciousness, in behalf of the enlarging interests of the Kingdom of God as this rests as a responsibility upon Southern Baptists.

Through the decades as conditions have changed, challenges multiplied and organization has become more complex, the women have shown most gratifying capacity for participation in all phases of denominational life and work through their organized societies—local, district, state and general—while at the same time their

spirit of refined subordination has kept them loyal to the auxiliary principle. No one can have been an intelligent observer of the ways and work of W. M. U. without admiring, with grateful thanks to God, its immeasurable value in all phases of the work of the local churches, state organizations and their interests, as well as in the truly marvelous support of the missionary work of the Southern Baptist Convention. And the W. M. U. has found ways of sharing in every large undertaking of Southern Baptists without ever losing the major emphasis on home and foreign missions which stimulated them from the beginning.

In the more intimate integration of denominational life and cooperation in undertakings which mark the current stage of our development it would be a great misfortune and a serious check on progress if W. M. U. should anywhere lose its consciousness of direct calling for a peculiar responsibility for efficient implementation of its own peculiar spirit in autonomous organization. W. M. U. could not become merely one department of state or local organization, like Sunday school work, Training Union, etc., without most serious loss to our larger visions and our increasing undertakings. The Southern Baptist Convention is not constituted of state units. No state convention can be represented in the Southern Baptist Convention. Woman's Missionary Union, autonomous and independent, is in full line with Southern Baptist Convention ideas and plans. The women have never had and do not desire any but an auxiliary status. W. M. U. must remain essentially and predominantly "Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention."

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Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jordan of Beaumont church, Perry county, are grateful to their friends and relatives for the many expressions of kindness during the illness of Mrs. Jordan.



## Woman's Missionary Union

President—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City Exec. Sec'y—Miss Edwina Robinson

### "INASMUCH!"

Four ways have opened up for Christians to cheer in a most practical way needy fellow-Christians in Europe. You, your circle and your society may help rather easily in one or more of these four ways. Inasmuch as the sponsors of each effort guarantee that the gifts will reach Christians, it is appropriate to quote the words of the compassionate Christ: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these, My brethren, even these least, ye did it unto Me." The avenues for this very Christian helpfulness are herewith set forth:

#### For Italian Christians

1—This past spring many a W. M. U. organization secured from its state headquarters the address of an Italian Christian to whom a four-pound package of food and other essentials could be sent directly. If you secured and still have an address, pack another carton and send it forward in Christian kindness. If you do not have an Italian Christian's address, please secure one from your state W. M. U. office.

2—Also this past spring W. M. U. organizations learned that out of their bounty or through sacrifice they could share with needy Christians in Italy if they sent parcels of clothing to the "Evangelical Committee for Relief in Italy, 395 Broome Street, New York 13, New York." Such clothing is still pathetically needed; write the New York committee for directions, please.

#### For Russian Christians

3—Last year Southern Baptists sent 175,000 kits to suffering Baptists in Russia. The appeal this September is for 100,000. Since each donor can include a personal message in the kit, there is the added assurance of its delivery to a fellow-Baptist in war-depleted Russia. W. M. U. members, circles and societies are urged to write at once for the free cartons and directions to be secured from "Southern Baptist Kit for Russia Committee, 239 Peachtree Street, N. E., Atlanta 3, Georgia."

#### Christmas For European Christians

4—For the first time in many a year there is an opportunity for the Christmas bells to ring in Europe. W. M. U. members, circles and societies can "help renew the Christmas joy" of Christians in Europe by packing and shipping packages as sponsored by the "Church Christmas Package Project, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, New York." If \$1 is sent promptly to that address, there will be received the prescribed carton and complete directions as to articles and shipment; six cartons will be sent for \$5; the reasons for these prices are satisfactorily explained in the directions. September is the month for this Christmas "inasmuch" kindness, so that the packages may be delivered at Christmas to fellow-Christians in need in Europe. To do so will set the joy-bells ringing in your own heart, too!—Royal Service.

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O. F. Watts began his work as music and educational director of the First church, West Monroe, La., on September 15. He went there from the Allen Street church of Charlotte, North Carolina.

## RADIO COMMITTEE SERVES AT SEA AND OVERSEAS

### 93 Programs Sent Out

By S. F. Lowe, Director

The Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has sent 700 transcribed programs to chaplains at sea and overseas for broadcast to the men in military service. Ninety-three such programs have gone to chaplains for broadcast to the men in military service in our country.

Thus the men in the armed forces have heard sermons by such outstanding Baptist preachers as the late Dr. George W. Truett, Dr. M. E. Dodd, Dr. Ralph A. Herring and Dr. Ted F. Adams.

Many of these chaplains when they have used the transcribed programs supplied by our committee, pass them on to other chaplains for use in other units, and in this way literally hundreds and hundreds of programs are broadcast to the men in service.

Here is a letter dated August 7, 1945, received from Chaplain J. F. Parker of the U. S. S. Hancock. It tells the story of what these messages and the music mean to the men in service:

"I have received the following recordings from you: 'Hymns by Baptist Hour Choir,' 'A New Heart' by Dr. R. A. Herring, 'God's Part and Ours in Putting Away Sin' by Dr. R. A. Herring, 'Joy of Salvation' by Dr. M. E. Dodd, and 'Who Do You Say I Am?' and 'This One Thing I Do' by Dr. Truett.

"We have advantageously used these records over the ship's radio and about three thousand men have heard these records. I intend to use the sermons a few more times and then give them to other ships. I wonder if you have realized the extent of their usefulness among service men. If you have others I would appreciate your sending them and I can assure you that they will be greatly used in the work of the kingdom."

—BR—

### MISSISSIPPI CALENDAR OF PRAYER

- September 24—Dr. Walter L. Johnson, Neshoba County Associational Sunday School Superintendent.
- September 25—W. B. Boatner, Pearl River County Associational Sunday School Superintendent; Mrs. Alda Matthews, Baptist Record Mailing Department.
- September 26—J. W. Vassar, Alcorn County Convention Board Member; Mrs. W. H. Alexander, Secretary in Brotherhood and Student Departments.
- September 27—W. W. Gunn, Sunday School Superintendent, Tallahatchie County.
- September 28—P. L. Clements, Yalobusha County Association Sunday School Superintendent.
- September 29—Rev. Hardee Kennedy, Walthall County Convention Board Member.
- September 30—Sunday School Promotion Day.

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The Hinds-Warren Associational W. M. U. meeting is to be held at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Wednesday, September 26, at 10 a. m. Mrs. J. F. Harrington is superintendent of this association.



## Brotherhood Department

J. H. Street, Secretary

### GROUP APPROACH

So far, most of the work of the secretary has been with individual churches. Invitations come from pastors, or from men with the approval of their pastors, and a visit is made to the one church, and another and another. This method of introducing and promoting Brotherhood work has great value and will be continued. However, it has been suggested by members of the Convention Board and by others interested in our program that we could reach more churches and make our visits more widely effective if we could meet with representatives from several churches on one visit.

#### Different Ways

This could be done in several ways. First, when a meeting is scheduled for one church, especially on a week night, invitations could be given to neighboring pastors and to laymen from the churches near by to attend the meeting. Thus the information and discussions in the one meeting would benefit several pastors and churches.

#### Associational Meetings

Another way is to have some one interested person call an associational meeting, inviting representatives from all the churches in the association to attend. This plan would have the two-fold value of providing wider contacts and also the framework for a future associational Brotherhood organization. Such a meeting is now being planned for the Pearl River County Association; and the initiative is being taken by the associational missionary, Rev. S. J. Rhodes.

#### Series of Contacts

Another plan which has been used already and which will commend itself to the pastors is to have one person initiate the invitation to the secretary to visit and then contact other pastors or church representatives to arrange for him to visit several churches in that area while he

is in the vicinity.

It is our desire to serve the greatest possible number of churches and to make our travels count for the most. We shall greatly appreciate the help of pastors, associational moderators, associational missionaries, Brotherhood leaders, and others in helping us make effective the group approach to our work.

### CONFERENCE PROGRAM

The program of the eight Brotherhood Conferences to be held throughout the state in November is as follows:

#### AFTERNOON

- 3:30—Song and Praise Service (local song leader and pianist).
- 3:50—Recognition of Churches by Associations, Reports.
- 4:15—Message on Stewardship.
- 5:00—Our Plans for State Promotional Work—J. H. Street.
- 5:30—Adjourn for evening meal and Fellowship.

#### EVENING

- 7:30—Song and Praise Service.
- 7:45—Special Music.
- 8:00—Mississippi Baptist Program—Dr. D. A. McCall, State Mission Secretary.
- 8:30—The Brotherhood and Its Work—Lawson H. Cooke, General Secretary, Baptist Brotherhood of the South.
- 9:15—Adjournment.

This program is being arranged in cooperation with Secretary D. A. McCall, who will provide speakers for the stewardship message in each conference.

The object of these conferences is to present the work of the Brotherhood in every section of the state. Churches are asked to plan now to have a good representation in these meetings. They are so distributed that the men can leave after noon for the conference and return home after the evening session.

A list of places and dates was given in last week's issue of the Record.

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## Eight "Musts" if the Last Quarter in 1945 Finds Your Training Union Up to Par

There are eight "musts" that every Training Union director should consider in order to bring his Training Union up to par this last quarter in 1945. Here they are, add to them if you will, but do not subtract a one:

1. Pray for a vision of your task.
2. Get a complete list of the resident church membership. Study it carefully. This will give you a picture of your Training Union possibilities.
3. Plan a definite visitation program. Visit EVERY church member if possible. Follow up this visitation with phone calls and cards. Make them know you NEED them in the Training Union.
4. Have a study course for each union during the quarter. Try for a 100% record in study course. Talk it for a month before having it. Get the church conscious on the subject.
5. Help your secretary develop a better way of getting, presenting, and keeping the records. Good records are valuable. Poor records are worthless.
6. Encourage each union to adopt their standard of excellence and help them reach it. Make the Training Union Standard your minimum goal for the quarter.
7. Visit some nearby church that has no Training Union and help them organize. This will be a fine missionary project.
8. Have a meeting immediately with your pastor and leaders and talk over these "musts" with them. They will help you make them a reality.

## They Elected Me Director

They elected me director, just why I do not know,  
 For really I'm not interested in boys and girls, no, no;  
 And, frankly, even grown-ups to me have no appeal,  
 I'm just interested in ME! now that's just how I feel.  
 I go, of course, each Sunday, and ring the bell to start;  
 Yes, I know I'm always late, the work's not on my heart.  
 I ring the bell again to close, now that is all I do;  
 They elected me director, and I think they flunked, don't you?

I think the "director" that wrote that was just "kiddling," don't you? One that sorry would hardly be able to write a poem, and if he had the ability to write a poem he would be able to improve his leadership as director.

## 2,404 Awards Issued in July and August

July and August were fair months for us in our study course work. In July we issued 1,242 awards and in August 1,162, or 2,404 for the two months. Intermediates led with 747, Juniors second with 663, Adults third with 499, then Young People with 398, and 97 awards in the Administration Course. About 50 associations had a part in this record.

## Nine Associations Show No Study Course

Nine entire associations show no study course so far this year, and one other shows just one award has been issued. Lula church in Madison county issued one Intermediate award. Union, Carroll, Clay, Zion, Kemper, Noxubee, Holmes, Leake and Liberty Associations all show no awards issued this year. Some churches in each of these plan a study course soon we feel sure. Let's make our state 100% this year.

## Biloxi First Studies Library Manual

First church Biloxi had the privilege of having Mrs. N. T. Day of the Baptist Book Store with them last week to teach the Church Library Manual. Mrs. Day reports an interesting class with six qualifying for the Training Union award. She has highest praise for Pastor G. C. Hodge and Social Secretary Elizabeth Pickering for their whole-hearted interest and co-operation.

Mrs. T. C. Benny, writing of the B. A. U. of First Biloxi says they are doing well in their organization. She asks for twenty-five copies of the leaflet "The Standard of Excellence, the Training Guide for the Baptist Adult Union." Each member is to study this as they organize to make theirs a standard union.

Associations are meeting. Please let us have a list of the newly elected associational Training Union officers as soon as possible.

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## THE CHOIR

(Continued from last week)

Without an efficient accompanist, choir work is doomed to mediocrity, if not final failure, no matter how excellent the director or how well the personnel of the choir may measure up in every respect. Many choir directors have and are now suffering on account of the inefficiency of the accompanist. The accompanist ought to possess most of the qualifications suggested for the director, and in addition the following which have to do in particular with accompanying: 1. A good technique, strong and firm if piano is used. 2. The keeping of the melody prominent in congregational singing. 3. A keen sense of measure and rhythm. 4. Ability to build a musically accompaniment from a vocal score. 5. In accompanying for special numbers, the most helpful and inconspicuous support. 6. Ability to memorize quickly, and follow closely the director at all times. 7. The making of his art a means to an end.

The soloists are of the utmost importance. Choosing them or assigning solo parts is one of the most delicate problems with which the director has to deal. If there is sufficient talent, the best plan is to appoint or elect a quartet of soloists, one for each voice part, to do all the special solo work. Each of these prospective solo voices should be tried out by the director before election to the position in order to avoid the possibility of getting those who are unfitted for the task. Their tenure of office may be determined by the will of the director or by the constitution and by-laws of the choir.

A few suggestions relative to solo singing which are necessary to the most effective rendition are as follows: 1. Sing the songs from memory. 2. Sing to the congregation. 3. Sing sincerely. 4. Sing in a pleasing and effective voice. 5. Have a balanced sense of interpretation. 6. Stand erect, but in a natural position.

An effective choir organization is a great asset to any church, but if it does not function properly it becomes a hindrance. The old custom of inviting everyone into the choir who will help with the singing is entirely out of date insofar as meeting the present-day need is concerned. In this day of higher music development and appreciation we should pay more attention to character, ideals, and effectiveness, and less attention to numbers, powers, rhythm and speed. The Bible plan or method of enlistment cannot be improved upon. The plan suggested for enlistment and organization is as follows:

1. The choir personnel should be selected. Who, then, should do the selecting? The answer is a committee composed of the pastor, chairman of deacons, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, president of the Brotherhood, Sunday school superintendent, Training Union director, choir director, and the accompanist. The reason for such a large committee is that it is representative and some one of its members will very likely know and have an acquaintance with any person suggested for choir membership. Then, too, it distributes responsibility and lessens the possibility of criticism of the pastor and the choir director on the grounds of their rejecting certain persons.

Before the work of this committee begins, a complete survey should have been made of the music talent of the church, both vocal and instrumental. Cards with the necessary information blanks on them can be used for the survey. This should include the young people's department of the Sunday school and Training Union, perhaps the older intermediates, and the adults.

After classifying these information cards, the committee should proceed with the selection of choir members by quartets—soprano, alto, tenor, and bass—on the basis of (1) voice balance, (2) blending quality, (3) general musicianship, (4) consecration, (5) agreeableness. It is well also to select substitute members for each voice part who, because of home duties or business relationships, cannot become regular members. The substitute members should attend rehearsal as often as possible, and should have all the privileges enjoyed by the regular members.

2. The choir personnel should be obligated. Each person selected should be asked the following questions, which if not answered or signed on the dotted line, should be the cause of his being dropped from the list: (1) Will you strive to live a consecrated, Christian life? (2) Will you be in regular attendance at rehearsals once each week and at the morning and evening services on Sunday? (3) Will you work in harmony and co-operation with the pastor and choir director?

3. The choir personnel should be elected. After the personnel of the choir has been selected and obligated, it should be presented to the church in conference for election as the official choir membership for the ensuing year or for such length of time as has been agreed upon. This action by the church will prove helpful in several ways, namely: (1) It places the responsibility upon the church for the choir personnel and its work. (2) It causes the choir to feel that it is a definite part of the church activity and is thus appreciated. (3) It will develop a greater interest in the church on the part of the choir. (4) It will cause the church to take a greater interest in and have an appreciation for the choir and its work.

In order to promote the organization and enforce the laws which govern the choir, it is necessary to have a constitution and by-laws. This can be drawn up by a committee from the choir, appointed by the president and then voted on by the organization itself. It is better to do it in this way. If the rules are made by the members themselves, no one can complain regarding the enforcement of the regulations. Any good form of constitution and by-laws may be adapted.

There are many ways in which the voice parts of the choir may be arranged. Such arrangement will depend upon the size of the choir and the number of voices in each part, the character and quality of the voices, and the shape and construction of the platform.

The rehearsal is a very vital part of choir work, for without it the choir will fail to function as it should. This is the problem of every director. Some of the essential things are: 1. A convenient meeting place, comfortable, and at an hour that is most convenient for the majority of the members. 2. Prompt attendance of every member of the choir at rehearsal and services. 3. Definite assignment of seats in order to prevent confusion. 4. Good order observed. 5. A definite program outlined for rehearsal. 6. The best and fullest use of the time by the conductor at rehearsals, thus causing the choir to feel that it has a responsible task to perform, rehearsing the hymns to be used in addition to special music.

Each individual has a social instinct, and any choir which tries to carry on its work without making some provision for the social life of its members will have hard going. Wholesome social activities should be provided for by a committee. The personal appearance of choir members is of very great importance. One who is careless and slovenly in appearance will never be of the greatest usefulness in promoting church worship. The Master Himself placed a premium on cleanliness and neatness.

Then, the deportment of each member should be exemplary. Those who stand before the public should so conduct themselves as never to direct attention to self instead of the work at hand.—I. E. Reynolds.

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### Next Quarter

Next quarter the Sunday school lessons will deal with Christ in the home, Christ in the church and Christ in His world. Therefore, as a fine preparation for that series of studies, these books in the regular Sunday school study course will be most applicable: New Testament Studies, by Dr. W. E. Denham, and From Pentecost to Patmos, by Dr. Hight C. Moore. Also, The Acts of the Apostles, by Dr. W. O. Carver, will be most helpful.

That is a splendid series with which to close out 1945 in our Bible study in the Sunday school, and teachers and officers should make every preparation in order to make the most of these lessons.

### One of the Oldest

Perhaps one of the oldest Extension departments in the state is that of the First Baptist Church, Starkville, where Dr. J. D. Ray is pastor. In calling our attention to this recently, Mr. Harold Douglas, education director of that church, said: "The Home Department of the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church, Starkville, at the suggestion of the pastor, Rev. J. D. Ray, was organized in August, 1917. A few who were interested in the organization—including our pastor, Prof. A. M. Maxwell, Miss Mamie Butts and Mesdames G. T. Howerton and C. A. Hogan—met and, after prayer and discussion of the matter, Prof. Maxwell was elected superintendent, and 15 visitors were appointed.

"Through the years these visitors have been harbingers of light in many a home. They have carried a smile that has brought joy to many hearts and homes, and the sunshine of God's love has brightened and cheered many as, month after month, they have gone to many homes.

"After three years of faithful work, Prof. Maxwell resigned and Miss Minnie Walker was elected superintendent. The work has prospered during the long years of service rendered by this faithful woman. Many 'shut-ins' have been blessed through her service. Since 1934 the name has been the Extension department. Truly this is the name better fitted for the description of the great work done by this vital and growing department of the Sunday school."

### The Associational Missionary

Beginning only a very few years ago a small number of our associations began employing full-time associational missionaries to promote all parts of our denominational program. Each year since a few other associations have done likewise until now there are several with full-time missionaries, and a number of others will have them just as soon as they are available. It is difficult now to secure good men for this work because of the shortage of men because of the war. However, this should be different before too long.

The associations with these missionaries are already reaping big dividends on their investment. The results are such as to dispel any doubt

as to the worth of such an adventure. We have been very definitely of the conviction for many years now that the only solution of the association problem is through the employment of a full-time missionary. He can be there all the time and has many privileges and opportunities for promoting and follow-up that is not possible otherwise. Our State Board is also sold on this idea and this year a nice sum is being expended in this way, and more will as the associations secure their men.

We verily believe that in the course of time this will be the least expensive worker the association can have. Even from a financial point, he will be the direct cause of more than enough additional money coming in to pay all his salary and expenses. And as for the challenge and opportunity—well, few will there be who will have greater. Well might every association plan to get a missionary as soon as possible. Those that have them are getting good results, and many churches are being reached for new work.

### Remember Promotion Day

Remember, Mr. Superintendent, only one more week until Promotion Day! It is Sunday, September 30. Have you made your plans for it? If not, you better get busy because the time is nearly gone. And please, please don't let it go by without properly observing it. That is one of the sure ways of keeping your school properly graded. It comes just this one time a year, so make a big day of it and give it the attention necessary to show your people that you really believe in it. It's mighty important.

—BR—

Among the recent additions to missionary families are Barbara Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Killgore, Argentina, born July 10; Sandra Rebecca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy F. Starmer, Rumania, born July 19; James Christopher, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pool, Nigeria, born July 29; Malcolm Boyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Stuart, Hawaii, born August 4.

Mantee: Our offering Sunday, Sept. 8, amounted to \$1,650. This was made for the purpose of buying a pastor's home, which we have already done.—Reporter.

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## Dr. Carpenter Leaves For China

Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, left from Washington September 8 on a tour of the China, Burma, and India theaters of operations.

On invitations of the chiefs of chaplains of the war and navy departments, the Southern Baptist leader will view the religious work for the armed forces in the Asiatic areas. Dr. Carpenter is going on the quota allotted to the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains.

Before leaving Atlanta, Dr. Carpenter said that the purpose of the trip was twofold: to get a firsthand glimpse of the chaplains' work from the civilian viewpoint, and to have fellowship with the chaplains in the hope of stepping up their spiritual program.

China is the only field, Dr. Carpenter pointed out, where Americans are working with another army which is not English-speaking.

The entire trip, he said, will require about two months, in which time he will cover the three theaters of China, Burma, and India.

Under the leadership of Dr. Carpenter, more than 1150 Southern Baptist ministers have been commissioned as chaplains. These ministers-in-uniform have seen service in all parts of the globe. Eight have given their lives to their country.

### MANY SOLDIERS PLAN MINISTERIAL CAREER

Against the staccato background of machine gun and automatic rifle fire, forty-six Camp Livingston soldiers twice a month, put aside their training to discuss their plans to serve

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE Sept. 16, 1945

	SS	BTU
Summit	109	143
Houlka, Chickasaw county	63	41
Ellistown	122	92
Jackson, Parkway	454	152
New Augusta	71	12
Beaumont	87	40
New Fellowship, Jasper county	64	
Jackson, Northside	159	65
Ackerman	144	44
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	554	284
Louisville	429	91
Byram, Hinds county	68	66
Agricola	90	70
Jackson, First	1,002	255
Rocky Creek, George county	100	67
Brookhaven, First	448	102
Centreville	134	55
Friendship, Jackson county	63	70
Wallerville	65	50
Center, Union county	114	62
Cross Roads, Webster county	42	
Wellman	49	81
West Laurel	416	94
Crystal Springs	424	129
Vicksburg, First	532	155
New Albany, First	454	234

September 9, 1945

Friendship, Jackson county	73	68
Summit	157	140
Pine Grove, Pearl River county	159	76
West Point	375	110
Cross Roads, Webster county	80	

—BR—

God in a world of peace.

Coming from all parts of the country and representing fourteen religious denominations, the men have one thing in common—a desire to enter the ministry after completing their military service. Seventeen are Baptists.

During the revival at Pharsalia church, Panola county, Pastor Paul N. Harlan did the preaching and conducted the song services. There were 22 additions, 15 of whom were candidates for baptism. The pastor said "God richly blessed us."

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# OUR FIRST TASK, MISSISSIPPI FOR CHRIST

(Continued from Page One)

reports of State Mission workers on the field. These are distributed through the chapters in the hope that teachers may have class members to tell one daily, or use them in some way to bring an accurate picture of the work. Each is authentic, but actual names of people and places are omitted.

Questions on each chapter are given at the end. The book is adaptable to the various plans used by different churches in promoting Schools of Missions, and is sent out with the prayer that its use may bless each one who teaches it, and all who read it, and most of all that the Name of Jesus may be magnified in Mississippi.—Margie P. McCall.

## Dedicated—

To those soldiers who serve in the front lines of the King's army, on duty day and night, seven days a week, with words of comfort for the sorrowing, encouragement for the downcast, cheer for the suffering, and joyous sharing with the blessed; soldiers who are instant in season and out of season to rebuke the spoiler of the weak, to lift up the fallen to new hope in a forgiving Lord, to promote all the work of the Saviour . . . beginning at Jerusalem, and in all Judea . . . unto the uttermost parts of the earth—Mississippi Baptist pastors!

And to some other soldiers, who also serve in the front lines of the King's army. They wear no officers uniform, they are unassuming, loyal, devoted, always seeking the good of the church, forgetting self, and serving the Lord with quietness; expecting no personal gain, desiring only that the work of the Kingdom shall be advanced; full of tact, loving kindness and gracious hospitality—the pastor's wife!

And to some other soldiers. They also wear no uniform of power, but are marked from birth to be pointed to with pride or viewed with alarm by the entire community; who have been real helpers for parents carrying heavy burdens; who have taken the church's welfare to heart, and from childhood up have been its staunch defenders, marching in the front rank in worthwhile things for youth, standing for the best, seldom making it hard for their fathers to preach and setting a mark worthwhile—the children of Mississippi Baptist preachers!

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

"But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel" I Timothy 5:8.

The compiler of this little book thanks the historian, Dr. J. L. Boyd, for valuable aid; gives due credit to Benedict's "General History of the Baptist Denomination in America" for help received; is grateful to all the field workers, department heads, office secretaries, pastors and others for innumerable courtesies.—Margie P. McCall.

## CHAPTER I ORIGIN AND BACKGROUND

1. "In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."—Matthew 3:1-3.

2. "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him."—Matthew 3:13.

### I. Baptists Come to Europe

"And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, 'Come over into Macedonia, and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them. . . . And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, 'If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.'"—Acts 16:9-10; 14-15.

### II. Baptists Come to America

According to church historians the first sign of organization among the Baptists in America was "some time prior to March, 1639." However, they

#### Father and Son Won

In an isolated place a morning meeting was held in chapel of the grammar school. When the invitation was given a father came, and down another aisle his son followed. They stated that this was the first religious gathering they had attended in three years. If the State Board had not been fostering evangelism, probably both father and son would still be lost.

had been preaching and holding services probably two years prior to this date, in Rhode Island, under the inspiration of Roger Williams. Beliefs held by Baptists were evident in the colonies before churches were formally organized. The following dates, according to the historian Benedict, can be stated regarding Baptist beginnings in the various places:

Providence, R. I., 1639; 1st Newport, R. I., 1644; 2nd Newport, R. I., 1656; 1st Swansea, Mass., 1663; 1st Boston, Mass., 1665; Charleston, S. C., 1690; Great Valley, Pa., 1711; Cape May, N. J., 1712; New York City, 1724; New London, Conn., 1726; Welsh Neck, S. C., 1738.

The New England section was largely the home of the early Baptists, and by 1750 there were approximately 58 churches. Baptists existed in Virginia from early times, and from 1760 flourished greatly. Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina also felt the influence of the denomination in early years.

### III. Baptists Come to Mississippi

In the spring of 1780 a number of people left South Carolina for the "Natchez Country." Among these was a family named Curtis, of whom Richard Curtis, Sr., was the leader. With his wife, two brothers, William and Benj. Curtis with their families; Richard Curtis, Jr., and his wife; John Courtney and John Stampley and their wives; John Jones, William Ogden and Mr. Perkins, and their

wives and others, whose names are not known, he started for Mississippi territory, stopping in Tennessee "to raise a crop of corn" before their journey by water. In flat boats they built, the group journeyed through perils on land and water, through dangers from sickness and warfare, and settled on Cole's Creek about 20 miles above Natchez. The historian,

#### Wonderful Change Comes

Nine miles west of a county seat in Mississippi, we organized a Baptist church on Friday night before Pearl Harbor. There were 24 members in a small vacant Negro cabin, using green willow for fuel, after starting a fire with little dry wood. This church now has a beautiful house of worship and a good pastor. State Mission workers rejoice at these blessings.

Boyd, states: "They kept up their family worship regularly from their first settlement in the new country." Although persecution was rife and hardships were ever-present, Baptists had come to Mississippi to stay.

The first Baptist church on Mississippi soil was organized temporarily in October, 1791, at the suggestion of Richard Curtis, Jr., son of the elder Curtis who had died in 1784. The original minutes of that initial meeting in the Cole's Creek community have been kept. At first known as Cole's Creek Baptist Church, it later became known as Salem. However, internal strife did for the young church what outside opposition and persecution could not do, and the work languished—and finally it ceased to function. Observation has been made that strife within the ranks has hindered Kingdom progress probably more than anything else. Despite the fact, however, that some seed seemed to have fallen on soil infested by thorns which "choked them," other seed, true to promise of Jesus, fell on good ground "and brought forth fruit, . . . some an hundred-fold." Mississippi in 1945, had more than 1,500 Baptist churches.

### IV. Mississippi Baptist Convention Comes to Serve

From scattered beginnings the Kingdom work began to turn toward cooperative efforts. The historian, Boyd, tells us the following:

Early in 1820 Baptists in various states of the nation began to organize into state bodies. So did the few Baptists in Mississippi set about to organize. There were then only

#### Father's Prayer Answered

A father in a certain county asked that we pray for his grown son in a distant eastern city. This we did more than once during the course of a revival. On the next to the last night a man, possibly 25 years old came into the service. He sat in the back of the house during the preaching. On invitation, he along with others came, trusting Christ. This man was the son for whom the father had requested prayer! Gifts to State Missions made it possible.

three district associations, Mississippi, Pearl River and Union, in southeast Mississippi. The messengers of these three associations, and other messengers from churches met in the Bogue Chitto Baptist Church, Pike county, on "Saturday before the third Lord's Day in February, 1824," and set up a temporary organization, adopted a constitution and by-laws, etc. Then they adjourned until the three associations and the churches could vote on the matter. They approved, and the first Mississippi Baptist

tist Convention was constituted in the fall of that year, presumably in November, 1824.

It continued four years, with growing opposition from the anti-missionary elements, till in November, 1828, it passed a resolution which, in part, said, "Resolved . . . that the said Convention be dissolved. . . ." Hence, delegates of the three associations met at the Jerusalem Baptist Church, not far from Gillsburg, Amite county, in October, 1829, and consummated its dissolution "in order."

The missionary elements of the churches and associations were never satisfied. However, they seemed to lack an aggressive leadership, until one day Rev. Ashley Vaughn came to the Natchez Country and settled in Washington, joining Clear Creek

#### Mother Forbids Child to Come

A little girl, 11 years old, came desiring to trust Christ. An indignant mother came fast on her heels, telling the evangelist that the girl was not lost and that she could not join the church. Although the little child was in tears over the mother's decision, she had to abide by it. The preacher talked with the little girl after the service and led her to Jesus, without the mother's knowledge. A year later the evangelist was back in that community and found the little girl dying of pneumonia. The mother, crushed and despairing, told him that she would never get over standing between her little child and Christ. The preacher allowed the mother to suffer a while longer (in that she had other children in the home that needed Christ and he hoped that she would gain a helpful lesson) and in a few moments told her of that experience more than a year ago when he won her child to Christ. It was almost more than she could believe, but, O, how glad she was! (No grown person knows more about a convicted soul than does the convicted one and God.)

Baptist Church. He sensed the situation and doubtless was encouraged by the brethren, and started the first Baptist religious paper in the state, "The Southwestern Religious Luminary," at Natchez early in 1836. He sent the paper in bundles to the churches for distribution. The sentiment for a State Convention had crystallized, and delegates chosen by the associations and churches convened in the Clear Creek Baptist Church, Washington, Adams county, on the 23rd day of December, 1836, for the purpose of organizing permanently. This they did on the next day, December 24, 1836.

During two or three decades following the organization of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1836 a Board of Directors, loosely joined together, exercised the general oversight over all the benevolent activities of the Convention. This board employed a general agent whose duty was "to visit every part of the state by attending associations, camp meetings, protracted meetings and churches, preach the particular doctrines of the Baptists, explain the objects of the Convention and endeavor to bring the whole denomination into the Convention." This agent had his "headquarters" in the saddle and his total equipment was carried in his saddle bags.

S. S. Lattimore was among the first. Described as "one of the most gifted, cultured and consecrated preachers" of that day, he was employed at a salary of \$800, expenses not mentioned.

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### Miss. College Paragraphs

By D. M. Nelson, President

October 20th will end our contract with the navy. This term will complete twenty-eight months of operation under the dual program of navy and civilian students. We entered into it with some fears and misgivings, but experience has proved them to be ill-founded. These have been busy, fruitful, and happy months. Because of the wide area of our country represented in our student body during this period, the influence of Mississippi College has been extended into three-fourths of the states of the union. This inevitably will bear fruit through the years. We rejoice that our college was able to serve so many young men called into the service of their country during these critical days and at the same time able to offer a full college program to civilian students.

#### All Civilian Term Begins Oct. 22

Our first all-civilian term begins October 22. A new program of studies will be offered at that time. A variety of courses in the following named departments will be offered: Art, Bible, Biology, Chemistry, Commercial Science, Economics and Sociology, Education, English, French, German, Greek, History, Home Economics, Mathematics, Music, Physics, Psychology and Philosophy, Spanish, and Speech Arts.

Many reservations have already been made for this nine-week term, which ends just before the Christmas holidays. Another nine-week term will begin immediately after the holidays on December 31, ending March 2. A student may enter October 22 and complete a college year's work of nine months by July 6.

#### Jackson Victory Assured

The Enlargement Campaign in Jackson is about over and victory is assured. It has been inspiring to see the business and professional men and women of our capital city rally to the cause of Christian education as represented by Mississippi College. People of all faiths have responded to the appeal and have gladly made an investment in this more-than-a-century-old Christian college. The people of Jackson know that their fair city is on the eve of great material and industrial expansion and they want spiritual and cultural values to keep pace with physical growth and development. With \$150,000 from the Greater Jackson area, we move out into the state where we are confident that the appeal will meet with a similar hearty response by all lovers of the Cause of Christ.

We spent a busy and fruitful day in North Mississippi last Sunday. We spoke in Amory in the morning where we found an old Mississippi College school-mate, John Measells, just completing fifteen years of service as pastor of the church. T. N. Touchstone, a former student of the writer, is superintendent of the city schools of Amory and an active and valuable member of the Baptist church there. Dr. Alfred A. Allen and Archie Dalrymple and other college-mates and former students of Mississippi College are also found among its members. Our message was well received and words of encouragement were spoken by many.

We spoke to a large evening con-

gregation at Calvary church, Tupelo. Dr. F. M. Powell is pastor. Dr. Powell served faithfully and efficiently for twenty-five years on the faculty of our Seminary at Louisville. He is a great friend to all of our Christian causes; also to the writer and his preacher son, who sat at his feet in the Seminary. Webb D. Allen, of the class of 1926, principal of the Tupelo high school, is a leading member of this great denominationally-minded church. Medford Leake, Jr., who was also a student in Mississippi College, is one of its most active members. His father, M. E. Leake, and Rex Reed are also moving spirits in the church and actively interested in all the causes for which Southern Baptists stand. Our message on Christian education was cordially and sympathetically received by all the people. The Enlargement Program will not suffer in the hands of these friends.

#### Travis at Brooksville and Columbus

Mr. J. A. Travis, who journeyed with the writer to northeast Mississippi, spoke at Brooksville in the morning of the same second Sunday and at the First Baptist Church, Columbus, in the evening. He reports a good hearing at both places. Brooksville is the home of the St. John family, which sent six splendid sons to Mississippi College. We were in college with Thomas, the oldest. As teacher, we saw Davis, Charlie, Milton, Talmadge and Harrison come and go. Other splendid sons of the college came out of Brooksville. We recall at the moment J. L. Madison, J. L. Carpenter and John Calmes.

Columbus, the other point touched by Mr. Travis, is another city in the northeast, which has contributed greatly to the enrichment of Mississippi College. Dr. J. D. Franks, class of 1911, pastor, has served the First Baptist Church there for over a quarter of a century. Another famous Mississippi College family lives there. This is the Puckett family. The sons are by name Newbell, Allen, Andrew, Niles and Willis. There is one other brother but he did not attend Mississippi College. The father was for a long time a member of the Board of Trustees. Andrew, of the sons, is at present and has been for a number of years a member. Many other splendid young men have come out of Columbus to Mississippi College. Among the more recent ones was J. D. Franks, Jr., who answered the call of his country and laid down his life in defense of the principles for which it stands. "Red" Franks, as he was familiarly known, was an outstanding leader in college. He was studying in the Seminary at Louisville to be a minister of the Word when he went out to engage the enemy threatening to destroy the things he cherished and for the survival of which he paid the last full measure of devotion. To his friends and to all who knew him, "Red" Franks, though he may be dead, yet he speaks.

"We live in deeds, not years  
In thoughts, not breaths  
In action, not in figures on a dial;  
He lives most who thinks most,  
Feels the noblest, acts the best."

#### "Red" Franks Endowment Promised

Dr. J. D. Franks, the father, announced at the Tupelo meeting that

## Encouraging Reports Indicate Closing Of Greater Jackson Miss. College Campaign By Sept. 15.

At an enthusiastic report meeting held Thursday, Sept. 6, workers in the Greater Jackson Campaign to aid the Mississippi College enlargement program resolved to "do the extra work it takes to wind up the campaign" by September 15.

The workers heard encouraging reports from the various leaders, and both Co-Chairmen E. E. Laird and Mayor Leland Speed expressed confidence that the drive would go over the top by the end of the week.

Mayor Speed presided at the meeting, and reports were given by W. P. McMullan and J. S. Love, Sr., co-chairmen of the advance gifts committee; Greek Rice, attorney general and member of the board of trustees; Sherrod Townsend, chairman of general solicitation; Miss Frances Sale, of the Feild Co-operative Association; and Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of the college.

Dr. Nelson thanked the Jackson group for its unselfish contribution to the college, and pledged the whole-hearted cooperation of the administration in carrying the program of Christian education forward.

The Greater Jackson Campaign, which opened in August, is to raise a total of \$150,000 for the enlargement program. The state program is for \$600,000, and out of it will be constructed two new buildings and an increased endowment.

"With the proper work, we will finish this job early, not later than next week-end," Mayor Speed said. "We ask the cooperation of all Jacksonians in successfully completing the campaign."

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Goodwater church, Simpson county, has voted to go to half-time services.—Guy Little, pastor.

he and the members of his family planned to establish an endowment fund in Mississippi College in memory of "Red." While this worthy and promising son was not permitted to live long, as we count length of life, yet through this beneficence his life will be projected through the centuries.

Our visit to northeast Mississippi ended with a banquet meeting of a group of interested friends, workers in the Enlargement Program of the first district. T. N. Touchstone is chairman of the district. There was a score present. It was an optimistic and enthusiastic meeting. Every person there had something to say. The Enlargement Program of Mississippi College is in good hands in the first district.

The Woman's Missionary Union's Yearbook shows that Blue Mountain College is one of the four colleges in Mississippi that has an A-1 Ann Hasseltine Y. W. A. According to the yearbook, the other colleges on the honor roll are Clarke Memorial College, Delta State Teachers College, and Jones County Junior College.

The quarterly meeting of the Sunflower Training Union meeting was held on September 10. Director Burris presided. Dr. O. P. Moore of Moorhead brought the devotional. Two messages on enlargement in Training Union work were given by Dr. W. S. Hardin of Drew and Miss Clarice Conner of the State Training Union Department. The old officers were re-elected.—Mrs. Charles Pinkerton, secretary.

The following have been recent visitors to the office of The Baptist Record: C. H. Cooper, Jackson; Rev. Mack Jones, Collins; Rev. L. R. Alford, Mt. Olive; Dr. W. E. Greene, Newton; Rev. Thurman Booth, Terry; Dr. W. L. Holcomb, Forest; Rev. W. R. Storie, Laurel; Rev. C. E. Spain, Silver Creek; Rev. Guy Little, Pinola; Rev. Paul N. Harlan, Water Valley; Claude Clarke, Jackson; O. F. Watts, First church, West Monroe, La.; Rev. J. R. Reedy, Eupora; Deb Robinson, Burns; Mrs. S. L. Smith, Laurel; Rev. A. Estus Mason, Lyon.

The Gulf Coast Sunday School and Training Union Association met in the Long Beach church, September 11. The program was preceded by a fellowship supper after which a song service was conducted by Rev. W. S. Allen. Rev. Vaughn, the new pastor at Handsboro, led in prayer. The guest speaker was the state Training Union secretary, Auber J. Wilds, who explained the difference in a study course, a training school, and an enlargement campaign. His discussion for the evening centered around the plans for and purpose of an enlargement campaign. The association voted to conduct a Training Union enlargement campaign beginning October 14. A roll call of churches showed the following attendance: Gulfport First 10, Pass Christian 3, Long Beach 18, Kiln 1, Biloxi First 6, Handsboro 16, and one visitor—a total of 55.—Elizabeth Pickering.

The report of Austin Crouch, executive secretary, shows that the Baptists of Mississippi have contributed a total of \$20,370.02 during the month of August. Of this amount \$15,388.78 was for the Co-operative Program and \$4,981.24 was designated. Total contributions to date for 1945 by all Southern Baptist states amounted to \$4,045,258. This was an increase of \$18,443 over the same period in 1944.

Having had calls which could not be filled previously, and due to the fact that there have been some cancellations, Evangelist Walker of Jackson has the dates October 3-20 open for meetings.

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... another residence hall at BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE. The Demand for admission for the 1945-1946 session by young women is so great that more than one hundred choice girls must be turned away due to lack of dormitory space.

A gift of such a dormitory could be a memorial to an individual or a family. Within the building rooms, halls, and wings could be memorials to individuals.

Consider this possibility when making income tax returns this fall.

Lawrence T. Lowrey, President  
Blue Mountain College



# OUR FIRST TASK MISSISSIPPI FOR CHRIST

(Continued from Page Nine)

This method was used until in the 1870's when it was found to be in-

## Preacher a Trophy of Revival

In a revival the last week in November in North Mississippi with four inches of snow on the ground, Thursday night five were saved. Friday night the building was full with several standing around the walls, and four were saved. These nine were baptized in a creek on December 9. At this time, one of the nine has written that he has been called, and surrendered to preach the gospel and is already preaching some as he serves in the navy. Are Mississippi Baptists glad they sent the evangelist to hold the meeting?

adequate, and the board too cumbersome for "meeting the issues of greatly changed conditions." In 1871 the Board of Directors was split up into as many local boards as there were causes fostered by the Convention with headquarters in various sections of the state, each with a corresponding secretary who gave his time and labors gratis in promoting his particular cause. The Domestic Mission Board of the State with headquarters at Ripley, Mississippi, sponsored state missions under the supervision of the Southern Baptist Convention Domestic Mission Board with headquarters at Marion, Ala. Two years' experience proved this plan to be ineffective.

## V. State Mission Board Comes on the Scene

The record of the early days reads like a romance as choice men guided the growing throngs of Baptists toward great days of service. The first State Mission Board was located at Hazlehurst, in 1873. There were approximately 62,000 Baptists claimed. Evangelism was stressed, and missionaries were sent to "the Bottoms" as the Delta was called, to the gulf coast, to the Negroes and to New Orleans. All Louisiana east of the Mississippi river, including New Orleans, was under the fostering care of Mississippi Baptists.

Men who served as mission secretary in times-past were: T. J. Walne, Lewis Ball, J. B. Gambrell, J. T. Christian, A. V. Rowe, J. B. Lawrence and R. B. Gunter. They laid a foundation upon which solid growth could be accomplished. The following tribute was paid by the present Executive

## Whole Community Reached

In a certain section there were 10 families, 52 people—in an area two miles square. None went to Sunday school or church. One day each week we gave to visitation in these for two months. They now have a live Sunday school with enrollment of 40, a weekly prayer meeting, average attendance of 30. Several have been baptized, others will be soon. They had "gone to sleep." Such State Mission work can be multiplied when money is available.

Secretary, D. A. (Scotchie) McCall, to his predecessor:

As a pastor I knew Dr. R. B. Gunter to be considerate and cooperative, sane and spiritual. As his successor I inherited from him a good organization, confidence in this office called out in part by his administration, and a great denominational life developed in a large measure during his tenure of office. We wish for him every good thing in Christ Jesus.

"In Season and Out," God Works  
In one county in 15 revival meetings from October until April a season when

# Chaplain Saw Bloody Fighting On Iwo Jima

Although he witnessed the horror of Tarawa, "The bloodiest fighting I saw was on Iwo Jima," says Chaplain S. B. Cooper, who recently returned from service in the Pacific. The chaplain is a native of Mississippi. was reared at Pontotoc and was formerly pastor of Calvary church Tupelo.

Although Chaplain Cooper many times held the hand of dying soldiers, he says his hardest experience was to bury hundreds of men and on the cross that marked their grave was only one word, "Unknown." Continu-

revivals formerly were never held, there were 122 saved who came by baptism to the 15 churches, besides those who came by letter. In one church it rained three days out of the six days of meeting, yet there were six saved and came for baptism. The distribution of thousands of tracts, giving correct information regarding Mississippi Baptist work, placing ten or more Baptist Records in each of the 15 churches, was accomplished. Some people had been reading a paper from a distant state for more than 20 years and had never heard of The Baptist Record. When I was asked, "Brother —, where is your headquarters?" I said, "Jackson." Then they would say, "Jackson, Tennessee?" I would say, "Do you live in Tennessee?" They would say, "No! We live in Mississippi." "So do I, and Jackson, Mississippi, is our Baptist headquarters from which we send our mission money to our foreign missionaries in 18 foreign countries, and in our home land, Jackson, Miss., is also where we print our Baptist Record, the ONLY Baptist paper in our Mississippi." "What is the Cooperative Program?" some would ask. This was explained fully. "What per cent of the money gets to the foreign missionaries?" they asked. The correct answer was given, and cleared up those errors which had been so long told. There are several reasons why we need more state workers, to present our State Mission program straight from our office.

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' PROGRESS IN MISSISSIPPI

Figures by Dr. E. P. Alldredge

Your heart will joint in a doxology as together we study the growth and development in our Mississippi Baptist life as follows:

Items	1919	1944	25 year gains
Churches	1,508	1,571	63
Baptisms	4,087	11,693	7,606
Church members	172,288	307,817	135,529
Sunday schools	919	1,411	492
Sunday school enrollment	75,492	140,298	64,806
B. T. U. organizations	480	2,453	1,973
B. T. U. enrollment	11,500	39,069	27,569
W. M. U. organizations	813	1,911	1,098
W. M. U. enrollment	15,440	36,917	21,477

Contributions			
	1919	1944	
W. M. U. contributions	\$ 26,883	\$ 240,100.00	
Value of church property	2,935,319	10,421,123.00	
Gifts to local work	539,875	2,195,351.00	
Gifts to missions and benevolences	202,120	745,505.75	
Total gifts, all purposes	741,995	2,856,040.00	
25 Year Gains in Contributions			
W. M. U. contributions	\$ 213,217.00		
Value of church property	7,485,804.00		
Gifts to local work	1,655,476.00		
Gifts to missions and benevolences	543,385.75		
Total gifts, all purposes	2,114,045.00		

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ing, Rev. Cooper writes, "I have baptized men with the rank of commander down to the apprentice seaman. and since being at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Farragut, Idaho, I have seen 96 men confess Christ as Saviour."

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## 100 CHURCHES LEADING IN GIFTS TO ALL CAUSES BEYOND THE LOCAL CHURCH

FIRST SIX MONTHS 1945

### GROUP NO. 1

1—Jackson Calvary	\$20,911.12
2—Jackson First	16,848.63
3—New Albany	15,249.88
4—Picayune	14,098.33
5—Crystal Springs (Copiah)	12,493.02
6—Meridian First	12,375.07
7—Laurel First	11,625.68
8—Brookhaven First	11,089.48
9—Pascagoula First	10,255.33
10—Columbus First	10,192.10
11—Hattiesburg First	9,338.77
12—Clinton	9,101.90
13—Grenada First	9,099.54
14—Tupelo Calvary	9,059.02
15—McComb First	7,906.92
16—Prentiss	7,548.98
17—Vicksburg First	7,431.22
18—Hattiesburg Main Street	7,332.31
19—West Point First	7,235.56
20—Greenwood First	5,666.05
21—Meridian Highland	5,450.16
22—Canton First	5,399.78
23—Millard (New)	5,000.00
24—Leland	4,775.74
25—Belzoni	4,761.59

### GROUP NO. 2

1—Columbia First	\$ 4,415.22
2—Meridian Fifteenth Ave.	4,239.61
3—Louisville First	4,134.27
4—Hattiesburg 5th Avenue	4,009.11
5—Hazlehurst	3,740.94
6—Tylertown	3,290.68
7—Gulfport First	3,283.56
8—Pontotoc	3,228.65
9—Lowrey Memorial	3,125.86
10—Yazoo City	3,121.97
11—Clarksdale	2,941.31
12—Laurel West	2,931.97
13—Quitman	2,879.79
14—Kosciusko First	2,866.02
15—Jackson Parkway	2,670.91
16—Rosedale	2,660.84
17—Tupelo First	2,603.27
18—Starkville First	2,579.55
19—Calhoun City First	2,571.53
20—Drew	2,528.29
21—Philadelphia First	2,370.73
22—Newton	2,360.31
23—Forest	2,203.96
24—Lyon	2,190.20
25—Bay Springs (Jasper)	2,182.23

### GROUP NO. 3

1—Magee	\$ 2,174.59
2—Cleveland	2,161.00
3—Flora	2,122.21
4—Indianola	2,069.79
5—Taylorsville	2,055.00
6—Charleston	2,047.54
7—Collins	1,952.20
8—Poplarville First	1,918.00
9—Water Valley	1,917.70
10—Vicksburg Bowmar Ave.	1,813.95
11—Monticello	1,736.09
12—Meridian Forty-First	1,728.46
13—Gloster-Galilee	1,722.77
14—Durant	1,715.10
15—Holly Springs	1,708.53
16—Biloxi First	1,704.86
17—Ellisville	1,657.32
18—Pickens	1,640.51
19—Moss Point East	1,630.90
20—Jackson Griffith	1,628.61
21—Magnolia	1,619.10
22—Meridian Poplar Springs Drive	1,617.37
23—Ripley	1,617.20
24—Winona	1,588.17



Hospital manager—Frank S. Groner was recently elected manager of the Southern Baptist Hospital at New Orleans. He succeeds L. J. Bristow who recently resigned after having served as manager since the beginning of the hospital.

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## Conference Honors Richard Curtis

Meeting at the First Baptist Church recently, a group of ministers organized a Pastors' Conference for the white Baptist ministers of Adams, Jefferson, Franklin and Wilkinson counties. The organization was named the Richard Curtis Baptist Pastors' Conference in honor of Richard Curtis, a native of South Carolina, who, in October, 1791, assisted in organizing, and became the first pastor of Salem Baptist Church on Cole's creek near Fayette, which was the first Baptist Church in the Mississippi valley east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio river.

Dr. W. A. Sullivan, a descendant of Richard Curtis, was elected president of the conference. Other officers elected are Dr. B. B. Hall, vice-president; Dr. B. J. Sweetman, secretary; Rev. James Crumpton, chairman of the program committee; Rev. Donald Bennett, song leader, and Miss Evelyn Moore, pianist. Meetings will be held at the First Baptist Church, Natchez, as 10 o'clock a. m., on Monday after the first Sunday of each month. Interested laymen are invited to attend, also.

25—Corinth First	1,583.45
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### GROUP NO. 4

1—Utica	\$ 1,521.15
2—Laurel Second Avenue	1,515.93
3—McComb East	1,487.90
4—Oxford	1,481.47
5—McComb Central	1,450.74
6—Sardis (Panola)	1,432.85
7—Sunflower	1,378.00
8—Senatobia	1,277.43
9—Meridian Southside	1,274.71
10—Amory	1,257.81
11—Lexington	1,252.90
12—Van Winkle	1,230.35
13—Lucedale	1,215.76
14—Pascagoula Watts Memorial	1,164.46
15—Ellisville	1,155.44
16—Steen's Creek (Rankin)	1,140.00
17—Salem (Covington)	1,119.88
18—Improve	1,108.00
19—Hollandale	1,072.01
20—Bunker Hill	1,055.00
21—Liverpool	1,052.50
22—Black Jack	1,051.25
23—Rolling Fork	1,041.83
24—Hattiesburg Immanuel	1,041.59
25—Webb	1,035.00



## GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

## GRENADA

The church roll at First church, Grenada, has been purged of a lot of useless names. The names of all persons who cannot be located have been dropped.

School buses are being used to bring in people, mostly young people and children, from areas around Grenada. The church is planning to establish two missions. These missions are to be under the auspices of the men's Brotherhood.

Although the church building is comparatively new, more room is now needed. Due to the foresight of the building committee the foundation of the present building was made strong enough to take care of three stories instead of an additional building, new stories can be added to the present building.

Pastor Glen Eric Wiley is greatly enjoying the comfort of another attic fan which the church recently installed in the parsonage.

Plans are being made to install a church library. Several generous and voluntary gifts have recently been made.

Grenada county now has Record readers listed as follows: BETHEL 20, GRENADA 128, HARDY STATION 21, HOLCOMB 24, PROVIDENCE 21, GRAYSPORT 17, Central 1, Way Side 1.

## HEBRON IS IN

Another EVERY FAMILY list has been received. Rev. A. W. Talbert serves Hebron church, Amite county, in connection with Tangipahoa church. Recently he brought in more than one hundred from Macedonia, and more recently a list of twenty-three from Hebron. Amite county's Record readers are now listed as follows: BETHEL 46, BERWICK 32, CROSBY 45, East Fork 4, GILLSBURG 61, GALILEE 111, HEBRON 26, LIBERTY 138, MARS HILL 83, MT. OLIVE 77, MT. VERNON 52, ZION HILL 30, ROBINSON 23, NEW ZION 21, Glad- ing 4, EBENEZER 14.

ENON STARTS RIGHT  
IS EVERY FAMILY NUMBER 785

Recently Enon church, Chickasaw county, was organized under the leadership of Rev. S. S. Kelly. On September 6 the church became a member of the Chickasaw County Association. And on September 6 the messengers sent to The Baptist Record the EVERY FAMILY list for the church.

Baptist Record readers in Chickasaw county are now listed as follows: Amity 12, Houlika 10, Houston 22, OKOLONA 109, Pleasant Grove 7, Van Vleet 5, Woodland 3, EGYPT 10, ENON 4, Mt. Olive 22, SHILOH 12, College Hill 1, UNION CHAPEL 21, PLEASANT RIDGE 13, ARBOR GROVE 12, Bethel 17, Schooner Valley 3.

## Southern Baptists And Foreign Missions

M. THERON RANKIN, Executive Secretary Foreign Mission Board

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## FOREIGN MISSION OPPORTUNITIES AND OBLIGATIONS

M. Theron Rankin

Executive Secretary,

Foreign Mission Board

E. C. Routh, Editor, The Commission

(Following the announcement of the surrender of Japan, we sent to a small group of representative Baptists the following request: "Please send us as soon as possible a brief statement on the subject, 'Urgent Southern Baptist Foreign Mission tasks, both immediate and long-range.'" Here are some of the replies.)

World War victors and vanquished face a new day. If peace is to be permanent, Southern Baptists must be on the march led by the Prince of Peace. His orders call for spiritual world conquest. "Onward, Christian Soldiers," is His challenge. We must go into all the world. We must hasten to give the message of life to all who have lived in the midst of death.—Pat M. Neff, president, Southern Baptist Convention.

The present world situation offers to Christianity its greatest opportunity and its most terrific responsibility since the beginning of the Christian era. These two go hand-in-hand. If

## CALHOUN CITY

## First Church

For the first time in our ten years of associational visitation we were rained out. The meeting place of the Calhoun City Association was on a dirt road and an all night rain made the road impassable according to the Calhoun City and Vardaman residents.

At Calhoun City we found Pastor J. D. Walker rejoicing over a good year. The church has been painted. The Sunday school, led by Superintendent H. O. Burron, had the largest average attendance for many years. Four new deacons have been elected and the rotation plan adopted for the new deacons. Four thousand four dollars and fourteen cents has been given for outside causes and \$5,371.89 for local expenses.

## Second Church

Pastor R. B. Hicks of the Second church expressed gratification at the growing interest in the Sunday school and Training Union. The attendance at the church services is also increasing.

Record readers in Calhoun county are now listed as follows: BETHANY 75, Big Creek 9, BRUCE 135, CALHOUN CITY FIRST 139, College Hill 3, DERMA 55, Gaston Springs 2, MACEDONIA 17, MERIDIAN 13, MIDWAY 38, MT. MORIAH 21, Oak Grove 9, OLDTOWN 18, PITTSBORO 34, PLEASANT RIDGE 17, PLEASANT GROVE 15, Rocky Mountain 2, New Liberty 1, ELLARD 25, SHILOH 46, Spring Hill 1, VARDAMAN 100, BANNER 25, Spring Creek 1, CALHOUN CITY SECOND 45, Rocky Branch 5, POPLAR SPRINGS 34, VICTORY 15, Driver's Flat 2, Parker 1, ANTIOCH 17.

the world is not brought to observe the principles of Jesus Christ in international relations, civilization is doomed. Men can no longer give Christ lip-service only. The imperative need is for us to acknowledge and follow Him if we are to live. To put it on the lowest possible level, our own self-preservation demands that we accept this challenge and meet it in a worthy way. In the Day of Judgment, God will hold us accountable for having been unfaithful if we fail or falter in the most critical period of the world's history. The Christian enterprise should remember the words of Woodrow Wilson: "You are here to enrich the world; forget that errand and you impoverish yourself."—L. Howard Jenkins, president, Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention.

Suppose you were trustee for many schools, hospitals, publishing houses, and churches in many war-ravaged lands, and suppose hostilities suddenly ended? Such weighty questions now face our Foreign Mission Board, responsible for deciding as to former locations, new fields, adequate personnel. For the board our prayers should steadily ascend.—Kathleen Mallory, executive secretary, Southern Baptist W. M. U.

It would be a denominational tragedy of major proportions should Southern Baptists fail to make adequate preparation to meet the unprecedented opportunity for world missionary endeavor which is ours today and for the years ahead. Our missionary zeal and support must measure up to God's expectation during these significant days.—Lawson H. Cooke, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Brotherhood.

For three and one-half years, Southern Baptists have had no contact with their fellow Baptists in seven major fields. New contacts must be made as quickly as possible. Relief and rehabilitation programs must be undertaken on a scale commensurate with the destruction of war. Delicate situations must be met, dreadful difficulties overcome, barriers broken down in a spirit of humility, prayer, patience and love, too often foreign to our American spirit. New trails must be blazed in lands hitherto "by-passed" by Baptists.

## ANTIOCH IS IN

Itawamba County Missionary Clarence Palmer is going places. Recently Miss Nan Moore of Antioch church, Itawamba county, sent a nice list of subscribers. A few weeks ago Missionary Palmer had the Record sent on trial to the membership of this church. Other pastors could well try the one month trial plan.

Itawamba county Record readers are as follows: ANTIOCH 17, EVERGREEN 29, FAIRVIEW 14, MT. PISGAH 12, Pleasant Grove 1, POPULAR SPRINGS 18, Salem 5, TRINITY 15, NEW BETHEL 16, Ozark 9, Pleasant Ridge 6.

tists. Men and women for this larger program must be discovered, trained and prayed into foreign service, and money raised with which to support them. May the Lord guide our Foreign Mission Board as it leads Southern Baptists in a worthy world-wide missionary program.—Blanche Sydnor White, corresponding secretary, W. M. U., Baptist General Association of Virginia.

War conditions have closed many mission fields. These should be reopened at the earliest date. Many new fields should be established. Destruction and deterioration describe much of our Foreign Mission property. We should rebuild and repair as quickly as possible. A great Southern Baptist relief program should be promoted. Food in the mouths of hungry people will cause them to give more attention to the gospel message.—A. L. Goodrich, editor, Baptist Record.

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Home Board Will Study  
Alaskan Field

By Joe W. Burton

Appeals for the opening of mission work in Alaska, resulting from work initiated by Southern Baptists who have gone into the region, prompted the Home Mission Board to appoint a special Alaska committee.

Headed by Dr. James W. Middleton of Atlanta, the committee will make a factual study of mission opportunities and present Baptist work in the region. It will also seek information from the American Baptist Home Mission Society, Northern Baptist agency, as to that body's plans for the development of Alaska.

On the committee with Dr. Middleton are Dr. Paul S. James and Dr. Dick H. Hall, also of Atlanta.

New appointees of the Board include Rev. Wade H. Griffin, city mission superintendent, Columbia, South Carolina; Rev. R. G. Van Royen, visual education, Corpus Christi, Texas; Miss Ora Covington, San Angelo; Mrs. G. C. Valades, San Antonio; Mrs. P. H. Pierson, Kennedy; Rev. Paul Vuelas, Winters, Mexican workers in Texas; Mrs. I. B. Williams, Mexican, Tucson, Arizona; Rev. W. H. Efferson, French, Jeanerette, Louisiana; Rev. C. L. Thompson, Fredericktown, Missouri; Rev. J. E. Crump, Conover, North Carolina, and Rev. H. R. Spraker, Phoenix, Arizona, rural workers.

Receipts in August, Dr. J. B. Lawrence reports, were up 46%, a total of \$80,963.56 being received. In eight months this year the Board has received \$1,147,500.97, compared with \$904,427.86 in the same period last year, an increase of 26%.

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Associational Missionary James B. Ray of Hattiesburg did the preaching in the revival at Cartersville church, Lebanon Association. Pastor Garland McInnis led the singing. Misses Lucille Broome and Betty Harper served as pianists. There were two additions.

Informed Baptists Are Better Baptists--Send Them The Baptist Record